To the Honorable members in our Connecticut Legislature:

I am taking a moment to reiterate my request that as a representative of our fine state of Connecticut to the Legislature that you <u>oppose</u> any additional 'gun control' measures within the state in reaction to any recent events.

Lawful and responsible firearms owners are not the root cause of gun violence, and creating additional laws regarding magazine capacity and cosmetic "do's and don'ts" on long guns will simply turn law abiding firearms owners into criminals. Rather we should be focused on keeping firearms out of the hands of individuals who should not have them, for instance through more stringent background checks.

Of course as this is a more comprehensive solution to the problem it is also much more difficult than simply passing knee-jerk legislation against the inert firearms themselves which continue to prove ineffective. But I urge you that the difficulty in fixing the root cause of the issue should not deter your efforts.

As we all know the criminals and bad guys in society do not follow the laws that you and I feel compelled to abide by. As such passing additional legislation regarding firearms can only be seen as an attack on responsible and law-abiding firearms owners and enthusiasts such as myself.

I appreciate your time to review my position on the above and hope I can count on your support in these matters.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me personally if you should have any questions regarding my position, I would be delighted to discuss it with you.

Again, thank you for your time and support, Eric Mayhew

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